

Appl. No. 10/773,779
Amdt. Dated March 29, 2006
Reply to Office Action of March 1, 2006

Attorney Docket No. 81784.0302
Customer No.: 26021

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 77-93 are pending in the Application. Applicant is enclosing a Terminal Disclaimer in order to obviate a double patenting rejection.

The Office Action of March 1, 2006 replaces the prior Office Action of September 16, 2005 and removes the final rejection of the claims.

In the Office Action of March 1, 2006, claims 77-93 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-22 of U.S. Patent No. 6,747,721. It is further stated that although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because the claims are broader except for the inclusion of "a surface of the pixel electrode facing the liquid crystal layer is substantially flat" which, according to the Office Action, is well known to be a conventional design as is also disclosed in Figure 2 of the prior art in the present Specification. In response, Applicant is enclosing a Terminal Disclaimer with respect to U.S. Patent 6,747,721 in order to remove the basis for rejection.

Inasmuch as the double patenting rejection is the only issue remaining in the application, the Application should now be in condition for allowance. Therefore, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles, California telephone number (213) 337-6846 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

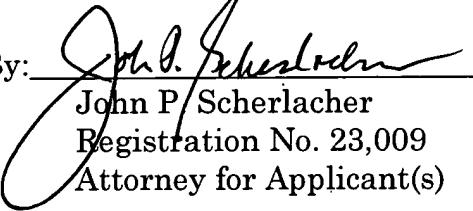
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Respectfully submitted,
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